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Re: Attorney Docket No. CPI108CON2

Proposed Class/Subclass: unknown/unknown.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a new nonprovisional US Utility Patent Application filed under 35 USC 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Inventor Name(s)/Residence(s): Chris Berghoff; Shorewood, MN  
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Title: Automatic Portion Control System Using Strain Gauge Technology

Enclosed are: ☒ USPTO Application Transmittal and/or Fee Transmittal Form(s)  
☒ Specification. Claims: 15 total, 3 independent. Total Pages: 16  
☒ Drawings. Total Sheets: 16  
☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney ( ☐ unexecuted, Late Filing Practice). Total Pages: 3  
☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
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☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 USC 122(b) and 37 CFR 1.213.  
☒ Other: Exhibit(s) A and B. Total Pages: 72

☒ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status.

☒ This application is a continuing application with respect to one or more prior US nonprovisional applications, and/or claims priority of one or more prior US provisional applications, and/or claims priority of one or more prior foreign or PCT international applications, as detailed in an accompanying or to be filed declaration, or detailed as follows: US nonprovisional application 10/235,386, filed 9/5/2002, US nonprovisional application 09/691,366 filed 10/18/2000, and US provisional application 60/159,581 filed 10/18/1999.

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Respectfully submitted,



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